

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections based on KR '409 and KR '188 are respectfully traversed.

It was previously argued that these references do not disclose a first supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a second supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a first insertion limiting part having a diameter greater than that of the first engaging shaft and the first supporting shaft, and the first engaging shaft has a polygonal cross section. The advantages realized by these features were also previously pointed out to the Examiner. Due to these advantages, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is not obvious in light of the cited references.

A declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 was previously submitted in order to have these advantages more carefully considered. The Examiner has not considered this declaration. However, the Examiner's reasons for not considering this declaration (as set forth in the "Response to Amendment") do not appear to relate to the declaration as filed.

The Examiner states that the declaration refers only to the system described in the application and not to the individual claims of the application. However, item 3 of the declaration specifically discusses claim 1 and features recited therein.

According to the Examiner, the declaration states that the subject matter solved a problem that was long standing in the art. The declaration makes no such statement.

The Examiner also states that the declaration includes statements that amount to an affirmation that the claimed subject matter functions as it was intended to function. However, as discussed at MPEP 716.02(c)(II), expected beneficial results are evidence of obviousness, as set forth in *In re Gershon*, 152 USPQ 602 (CCPA 1967).

Finally, the Examiner states that the declaration includes statements which amount to an affirmation that the affiant has never seen the claimed subject matter. However, the Declarant specifically states that he has reviewed the specification and claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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